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Waterfront Department

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Changing Faces at Harbor Patrol

Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager



City of S.B. Photo: Retiring Harbor Patrol Supervisor, Steve McCullough

After 30 years with the City, including 12 as Harbor Patrol Officer, three with the Fire Department and 15 as Harbor Patrol Supervisor, Steve McCullough will hang up his badge in January. After what can only be described as an outstanding career, he plans to retire in Santa Barbara with his wife Rosanna.

Erik Engebretson will succeed Steve as Patrol Supervisor. Starting as an hourly employee on Stearns Wharf, Erik has served 26 years as a Harbor Patrol Officer, earning wide praise for professionalism and the rapport he has established with the Harbor community. Erik brings to the job a trove of experience and training, and is especially valued for his mentorship of younger, newer officers.

The winds of change also include the hiring of two new Harbor Patrol Officers—Nathan Alldredge and Thomas O'Neil.

Nathan joined the Waterfront Department as a new Harbor Patrol Officer on August 21st. He has a decade of experience as a local educator, worked as a deckhand with Island Packers and put in several years as Harbor Patrol Crew. He was a NCAA Champion water polo player at Stanford and played professional water polo

in Germany. Nathan speaks German, French, Spanish, and Italian. He holds a USCG Operators License and Emergency Medical Technician certification, and has a deep love and respect for the ocean.

During Nathan's first week in uniform, while towing a 45-foot commercial fishing vessel with the new single-screw Patrol Boat #1, the boat operator asked "Can you tow a boat this big?" Nathan pleasantly replied as he eased the boat into the slip, "You can step onto the dock now."

Thomas joined the Waterfront Department as our newest Harbor Patrol Officer on September 6th. He has an extensive maritime background, having previously worked as a boat captain for Island Packers, Explorer Dive Boat, So Cal Ship Services, and Hooks Sportfishing. He's sailed competitively and taught sailing classes. Thomas enjoys surfing, body surfing, swimming, paddleboarding (prone and standup), as well as SCUBA and free diving. Clearly, another accomplished "waterman" has joined our team.

Please join us in welcoming Nathan and Thomas to the Waterfront, and if they don't beat you to it, say "hello" when you see them on the docks.

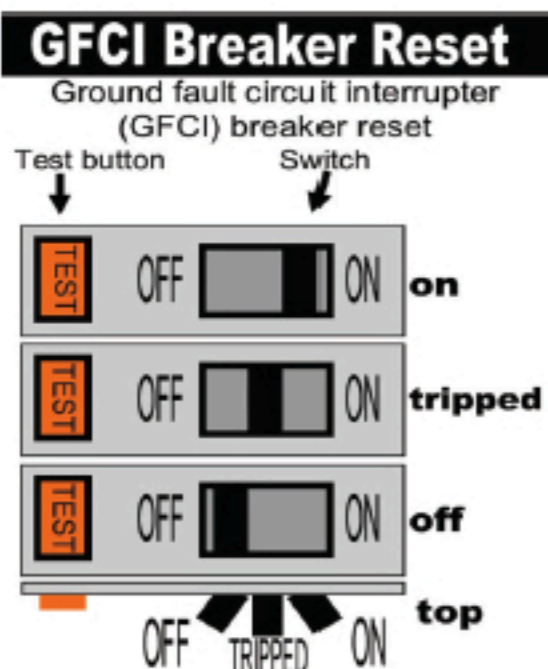


City of S.B. Photo: Harbor Patrol Offices Alldredge and O'Neil

Resetting Electrical Breakers at Your Slip

Nels Anderson, Maintenance Supervisor

Lost power at your slip? Did a breaker trip? Did you reset the breaker and still no power? If so, here's a solution:



Unlike older shore-power breakers, newer Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) breakers require moving the breaker switch to the "off" position before moving it back to the "on" position.

When a GFCI breaker trips, the switch will often move to a center position. To reset, move the switch to the OFF position and then to the ON position.

If this procedure does not work, please call 805-564-5530.

STEARNS WHARF WATERLINE— A CORROSIVE MARINE ENVIRONMENT AT WORK

Karl Treiberg, Waterfront Facilities Manager

Our water supply system on Stearns Wharf offers a prime example—maybe best in the Waterfront—of a corrosive environment at work.

Most waterlines are steel and buried underground, protecting them from nature's so-called "elements." But not so for thousands of feet of waterlines on Stearns Wharf, where wind, salt air, and swells have eaten at the pipes (hung just beneath the Wharf) for 35 years. It doesn't take an engineer to evaluate their structural integrity. One look at extensive rust and spalling (flaking, breaking, or fragmenting) of the pipes would convince anyone to replace the entire system.

With over a million visitors on Stearns Wharf each year, a reliable water system remains essential. Its 8" mainline supplies four main laterals, providing water to restaurants, restrooms, and a fire-suppression system. Recent inspections convinced staff to replace over 600' of 6" and 4" waterline laterals—the most exposed components of water pipes hung beneath the Wharf. While the replacement project was out to bid, the middle of a steel lateral suffered a major break that, while repaired, reassured staff that now is the time for replacement. With a \$350,000 price tag, the waterline upgrade reflects a significant investment in the Wharf's most essential utility.



City of S. B. Photos: Before and during waterline replacement

RESTRICTED USE OF LED LIGHTBARS

Anthony Lombardi, Harbor Patrol Officer

Night use of forward-mounted light-emitting diode (LED) lightbars on commercial and recreational vessels marks a growing trend among boaters. On some models, lightbars can illuminate 750 feet forward and up to 100 feet vertically, with over 10,000 lumens, making them a very bright light-source at night.

But here's the downside: Using these lights is not only illegal while underway (per California law), they can blind other boat operators trying to navigate the same waters with proper tools like lookouts, radar, and an occasional focused-beam spotlight illuminated to locate, say, a navigation aid.

In a crossing situation, the lights surely mean another operator's night vision will be lost for quite some time. The LED lights also disrupt and obscure required navigational lights of the user's vessel, making it impossible for the operator of an approaching vessel to distinguish its navigation lights. Then there's just common courtesy: don't blind your fellow boaters while transiting at night. Proper knowledge of waters you are transiting, proper use of a lookout, plus radar, will help you and your fellow boaters navigate safely without using LED lightbars.



Example of LED Lightbar

WINTERIZE YOUR BOAT

Santa Barbara winters are typically mild but it doesn't take much wind or rain to cause major problems, including damaging or sinking an unattended boat. Here are some reminders:

- **Early warning:** Monitor weather reports. Visit your boat before the next storm. If you can't check your boat, find a responsible person who can.
- **Dock lines:** Visually inspect for chafe, wear and trip hazards (please don't run mooring lines across fingers). Tie lines securely to cleats or pilings; consider chafing gear and doubling-up lines. Replace worn lines.
- **Dock obstructions:** Don't store kayaks or other items on the dock.
- **Bilge check:** Test your bilge pump to ensure that 1) it's working; 2) float switches properly activate the pumps; and 3) float switches aren't hindered by debris. Be sure limber holes aren't blocked.
- **Clean cockpit drains.**
- **Fenders:** Have an adequate number of appropriate-sized fenders.
- **Sails, roller furlings, rigging, tarps, loose gear on deck:** Store or tightly secure.
- **Hatches, ports and windows:** Close and secure. Make sure they're water-tight.
- **Appliances:** Make sure appliances like space heaters are not left unattended.
- **Dock boxes:** Do not store flammables in dock boxes. In case of electrical short at the power pedestal, fire or explosion could result.
- **Consider:** Removing valuables and electronics, installing a dehumidifier or moisture absorber, propping up cushions and opening the boat during periods of fair weather to circulate air.
- **Contacts:** Update emergency contact phone numbers and email address with the Waterfront Department.

For assistance or to report problems contact Harbor Patrol at 564-5530 or on VHF channels 12 or 16. Here's to a safe winter, in the slip or on the ocean.

Clean Marina Corner

LIFE IN A SMOKE-FREE CITY

Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager

City Council recently adopted an ordinance declaring Santa Barbara a “smoke-free city,” to reduce litter, prevent fires, and provide a healthy environment for locals and visitors alike. Smoking is now banned in parks and on beaches, plus sidewalks, paseos, City parking lots, public events, outdoor restaurant patios before 10:00 p.m., outdoor recreational facilities, library plazas, and bus stops. “Smoking” includes tobacco, marijuana, and electronic vaping devices.

Most important for Waterfront users, smoking is now prohibited on Stearns Wharf—a big step toward preventing fires that have periodically ravaged this vital, historic structure. Smoking inside vessels will still be allowed.

The Department will work with other City departments on educational outreach and placement of signs, including signs around the Waterfront, informing the public about the smoke-free rules. Our intent will be to inform and educate, relying primarily on personal responsibility and compliance.

Switching to a non-smoking culture will resemble the proverbial big ship that turns slowly, but does eventually turn. We encourage your partnership in meeting the goals of this new City standard, which will benefit the environment and public health while helping prevent fires.

HARBOR FESTIVAL RECAP

Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager

Over 15,000 people celebrated this year’s Harbor and Seafood Festival on October 14th. As always, fresh seafood, including crab, lobster, oysters, uni, paella, albacore, clam chowder, mussels, fish tacos, and more, was the centerpiece of the celebration, which also included free boat rides, tall-ship tours (1,000+ visitors), five bands, and over 40 arts and crafts vendors. Many vendors have already contacted the Department to reserve their spots for next year.

Volunteers, including commercial fishermen, students from Santa Barbara City College’s Culinary Arts program, and students from UCSB’s Circle K International (sponsored by the Kiwanis Club) proved critical to the Festival’s success.

Missed the Festival? Loved it? Heard about it from friends? Well, it’s never too early to mark your calendar for next year’s event on Saturday, October 13, 2018.



City of Santa Barbara Waterfront Department
132-A Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

To:

FREE OIL-ABSORBENT BILGE PADS

Help prevent bilge-oil leaks, discharges, and spills in the harbor. Stop by the Harbormaster's Office and pick up your **free** oil-absorbent bilge pads, funded by a grant from CalRecycle.

GOT USED OIL?

Find a certified Used Oil Recycling Center* near you. A list of harbor dump station locations is also available at the Harbormaster's Office.



*For a complete list of certified used-oil collection centers, visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov/usedoil/certcenters/

DockLines is funded in part by a grant from the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

Have a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season.

Here's to a wonderful 2018!



2018 Waterfront Parking Permits Now On Sale!

Cesar Barrios
Waterfront Parking Supervisor

Annual Waterfront parking permits went on sale December 1st. General permits cost \$100 and slip-permittee permits (one per slip) cost \$70. Permits are valid from date of purchase through December 31, 2018. General permits are available at the Harbormaster's Office and the main Harbor kiosk. Slip-permittee permits may only be purchased at the Harbormaster's Office.

Questions? Call 897-1965.



Annual permits provide year-long beachfront access

Cabrillo Pavilion Project—Expect Parking Impacts

Renovation of the Cabrillo Pavilion, first constructed in 1926, will commence in early January. The 18-month, \$18-million project will require closure of the facility and will likely limit parking in Cabrillo East and Cabrillo West parking lots, due to staging of contractors' materials and vehicles.

For additional information regarding the project, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 564-5418 or online at: www.santabarbaraca.gov/parksandrec.



City of S.B. Photo: Cabrillo Pavilion entrance

2018 EVENTS SCHEDULE

May 5	Operation Clean Sweep
May 12	Nautical Swap Meet
July 4	Fourth of July Celebration
October 13	Harbor & Seafood Festival
December 16	Parade of Lights

Visit

www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov/Waterfront
for more details

2018 REGULAR HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

January 18	July 19
February 15	August 16
March 15	September 20
April 19	October 18
May 17	November 15
June 21	December 20

Harbor Commission regularly meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers